

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Six (6) attached sheets of drawing include changes to Fig. 14 and Fig. 16 to Fig. 20. The changes to these Figures are as follows.

Sheet 1 includes Fig. 14 -- Please delete the connection of line G4 to the drain/source line of TCG --

Sheet 2 includes Fig. 16 -- Please add the legend -- PRIOR ART --.

Sheet 3 includes Fig. 17 -- Please add the legend -- PRIOR ART --.

Sheet 4 includes Fig. 18 -- Please add the legend -- PRIOR ART --.

Sheet 5 includes Fig. 19 -- Please add the legend -- PRIOR ART --.

Sheet 6 includes Fig. 20 A and Fig. 20B -- Please add the legend -- PRIOR ART --.

Attachment: Six (6) Replacement sheet

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action dated March 10, 2006, for which three months were allotted for reply. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Specification

The Abstract of the specification as originally filed was objected to for exceeding a recommended length of 150 words. Accordingly, a revised Abstract is presented shortening the length to within the recommending prescribed length. Withdrawal of the object stated in point 9 of the Summary of the Action and section 4 on pages 2 and 3 of the Action is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The drawings filed on March 12, 2004 were objected to as noted in point 10 of the Summary of the Action and explained in section 6 spanning pages 3 and 4 of the Action. Accordingly, new drawings are submitted with a redline version of the original drawings showing: (1) Figs. 16 to 20 as amended to include the designation PRIOR ART; and (2) Fig. 14 is amended to delete the apparent connection of line G4 to the drain/source line of TCG, as suggested by the examiner. With these changes, withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully solicited.

Information Disclosure Statements

It is noted with appreciation that the examiner specifically acknowledged consideration of the IDS statements filed on June 29, 2004 and April 25, 2005.

Claims

Claims 1 to 7 and 10 to 17 were pending in this application following earlier submissions. Claims 8, 9 and 17 to 20 were previously canceled by Amendments.

In the subject Office Action, claims 7 and 16 were allowed. These allowed claims are retained as filed. Claims 1, 3, 10 and 12 were initially rejected as anticipated by Yamada, No. 6,278,630. Without acquiescence in or agreement with the statement of the rejections, claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 are amended to include the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5, and claims 2 to 4 are retained. Allowable claim 6 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 1 and is thus also allowable. Similarly, claim 10 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 14, while claims 11 to 13 are retained as dependent on amended claim 10. Allowable claim 15 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 10 and is thus allowable.


Accordingly, claims 1 to 4, 5 to 7, and 10 to 14, 16 and 17 are allowable and early Notice to that effect is solicited.

Conclusion

Early re-examination on the merits of the now-pending claims is respectfully requested.

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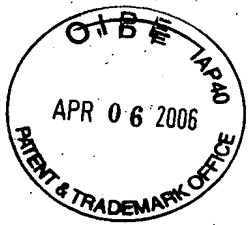


FIG. 14

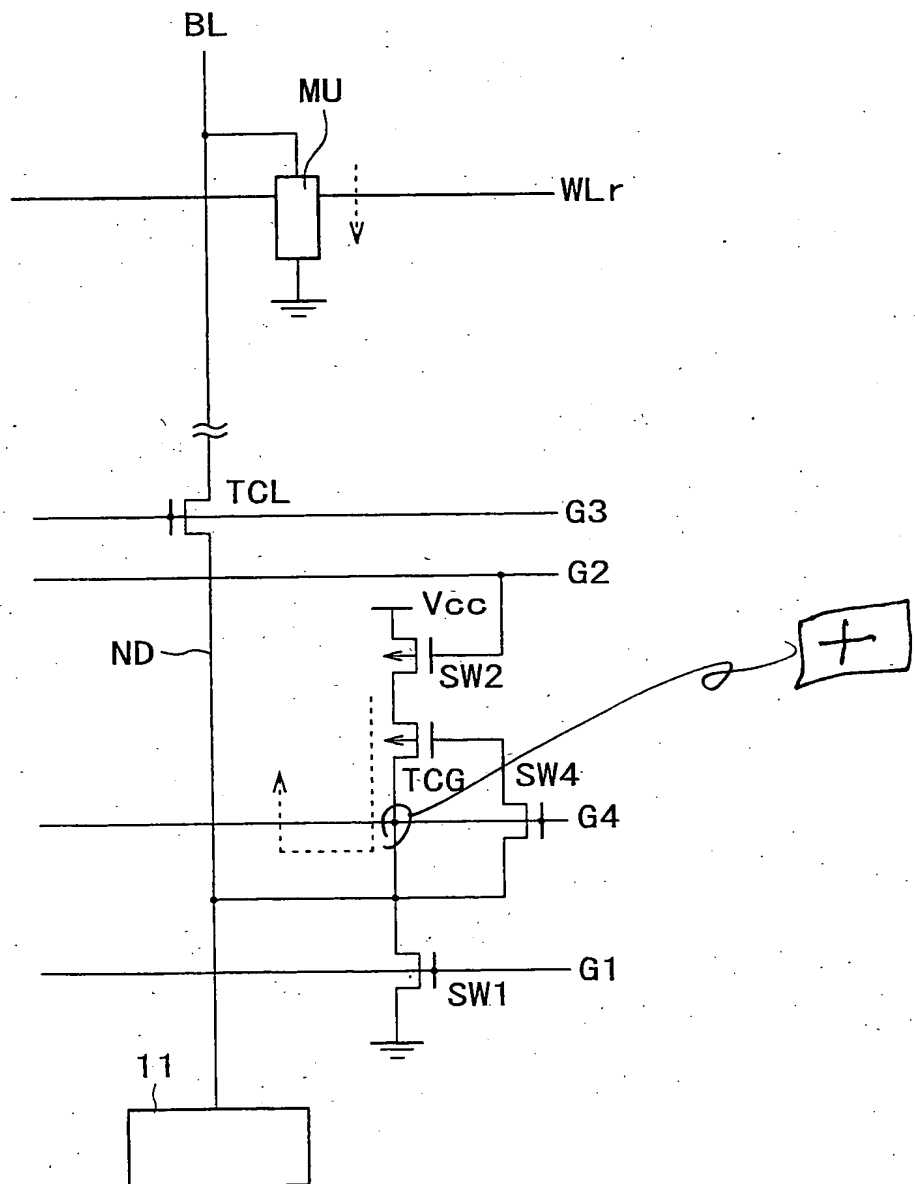


FIG. 16 *Prior Art*

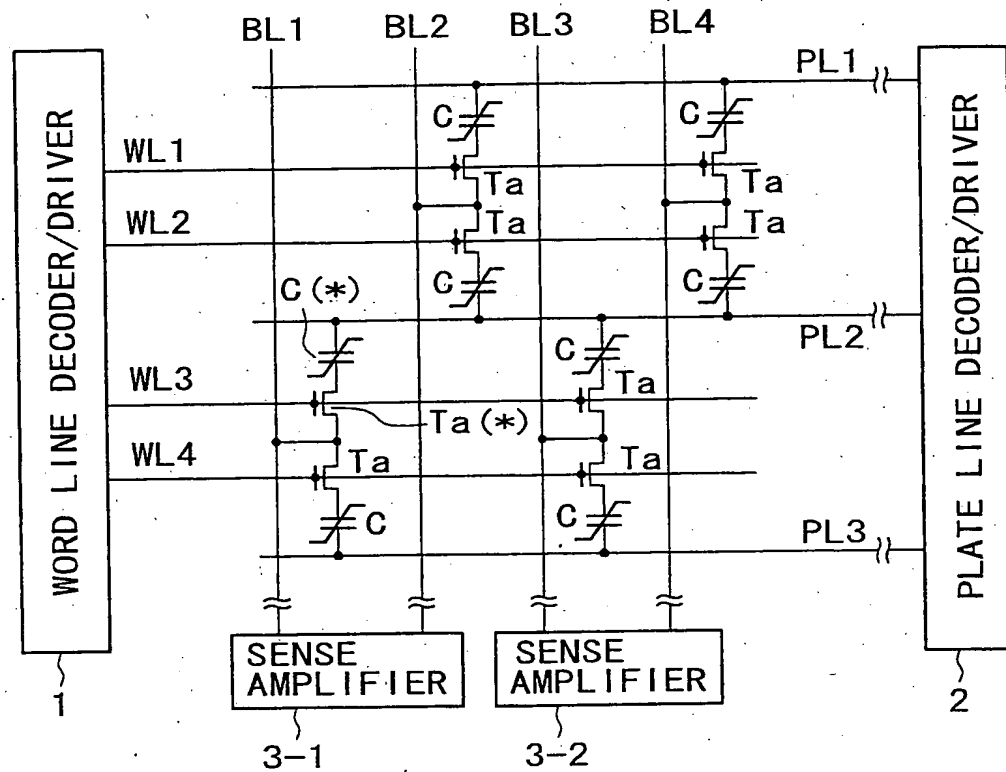


FIG. 17 Prior Art

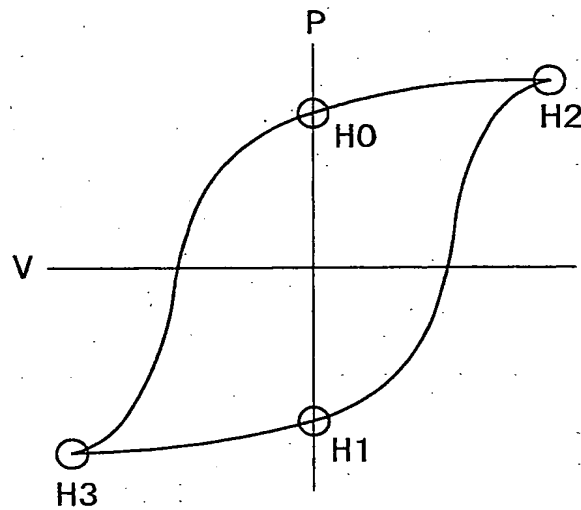


FIG. 18 Prior Art

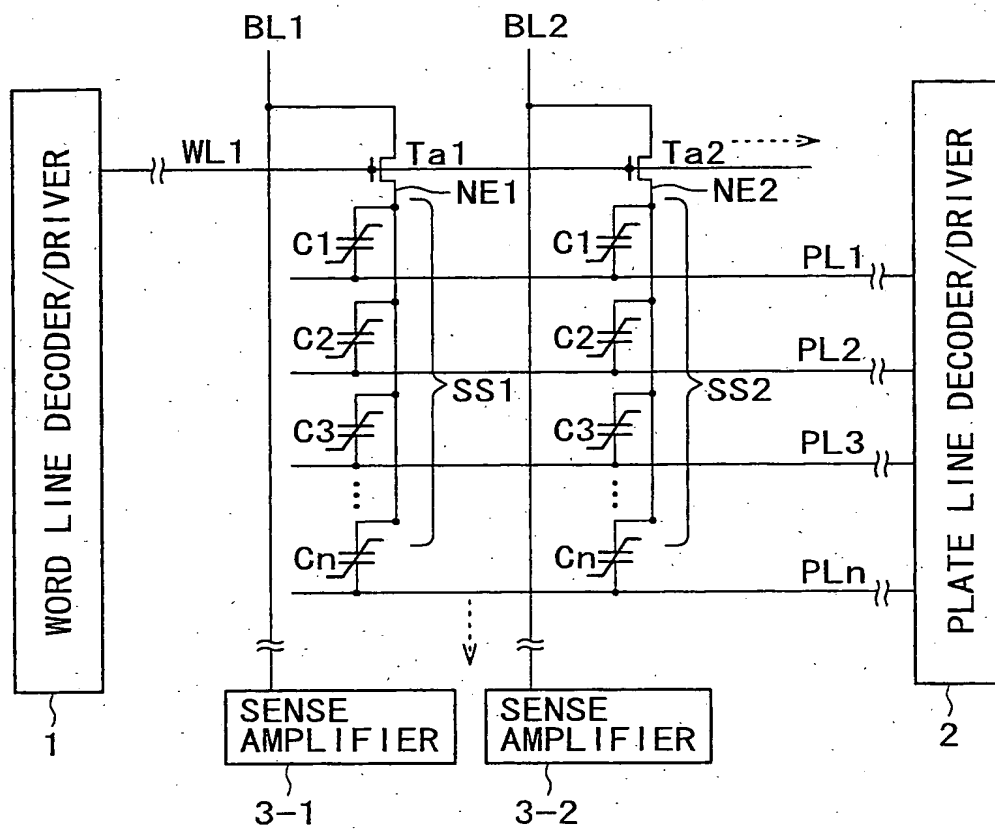
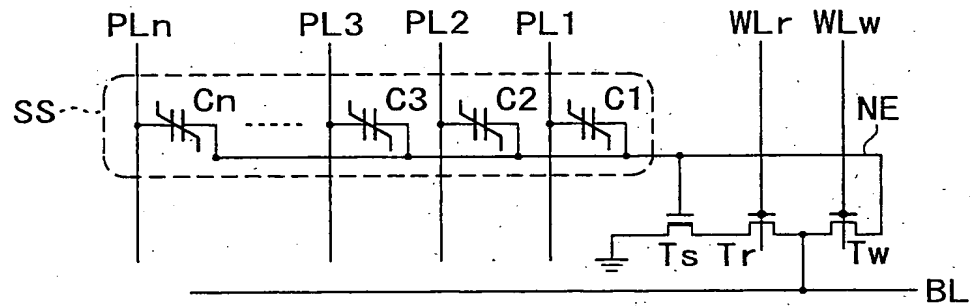


FIG. 19 *Prior Art*



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FIG. 20A Prior Art

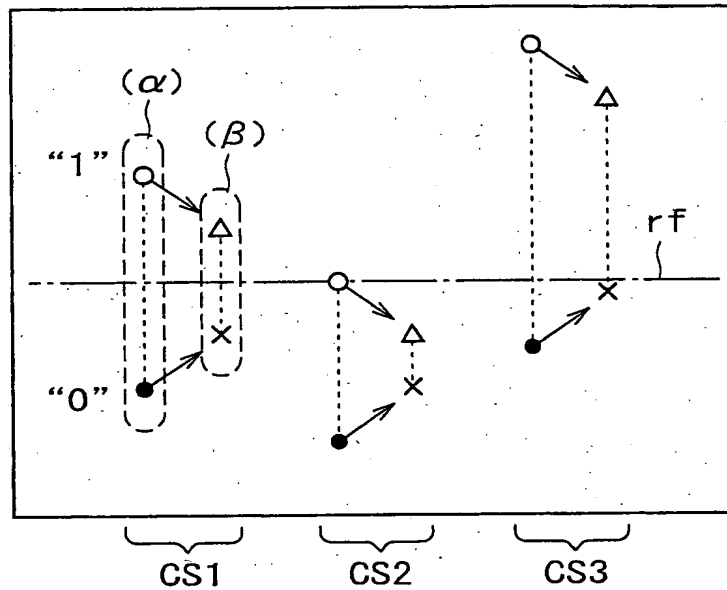


FIG. 20B Prior Art

